

GET READY TO CLEAN!

- Set materials at the curb before 7 a.m. on your curbside pickup day.
- Trucks will go through only once on your scheduled day. If you miss the curbside pickup, call your trash hauler who will pick up your refuse for a fee.
- Seniors or residents who are disabled: Unable to handle the materials? Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captains – or call the Human Services Information Line in advance for volunteer availability, 952-563-8737 V/TTY.

QUESTIONS?

CALL 952-563-8750.

SCHEDULE

Your regular trash day is:	Your location is:	Curbside pickup is Saturday:	Sell usable items during the Citywide Garage Sales. See Page 5.
Friday	West of Normandale	April 14	
Thursday	Normandale to France	April 21	
Wednesday	France to Penn	April 28	
Tuesday	Penn to Portland	May 5	
Monday	East of Portland	May 19	

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it’s saving energy or guarding Bloomington’s precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...



EARTH ACTION HERO
THE LAKE GUARDIAN

IN 2004, BUSH LAKE BEACH WAS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS BECAUSE OF HIGH E. COLI bacteria counts in the water. Enterprising staff from the City set out to find cost-effective ways to prevent high bacteria counts and keep the beach open. Assuming that bacteria were washing out of the beach sand and into the water, staff devised a method of treating the sand with a diluted chlorine bleach mixture. In 2006, additional strategies to deter gulls and geese – the biggest contributors to bacteria in the sand – included installing Mylar lines that discourage the birds from “hanging out” at the beach.

For the past two summers, Gordon Bratsch, who has lived across the bay from the beach for 40 years, has been observing and documenting bird behaviors round the clock.

“Gordon is a steward of Bush Lake,” said City Environmental Health Coordinator Jeff Luedeman. “His volunteer efforts have been key in helping us successfully improve the water quality at the beach.”

Bratsch observes where the birds are on the beach at different times of the day. This helps the City devise methods that will encourage gulls and geese to move on to other locations.

“If E. coli levels in the water get too high, the beach is closed, which might give the impression that this is a dirty lake,” Bratsch said. “It’s not. It’s one of the cleanest lakes in the metropolitan area. I want people to say, ‘What a beautiful, clean lake you’ve got.’”

Bratsch said he volunteers to care for the lake’s water quality because Bush Lake is a treasure, not only for residents, but for anyone who wants to see it.



“You’ll not find a unique lake like this in the metro area. It’s very important to take care of it,” Bratsch said. “I don’t own the lake, I just live by it. Whatever is good for the lake, I like; and I’m grateful for the staff who take care of it.”

Bloomington beachgoers appreciate the clean sand and water.

BIKE, WALK, CARPOOL OR RIDE THE BUS OR LRT
POSITIVELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT

HELP REDUCE MOTORIZED TRAFFIC IN YOUR AREA AND REAP the benefits of using alternatives to driving alone to work. Get started with these two programs offered by 494 Commuter Services. To participate or for information, call 612-848-4947 or visit www.494corridor.org.



TAKE THE COMMUTER CHALLENGE

The Commuter Challenge encourages individuals to commute to work by using alternatives to driving alone during April, May or June. Whether you take the bus or light rail, carpool or ride a bicycle or walk to your job, pledge to try one commuting alternative and you will be entered in a drawing to win great prizes.



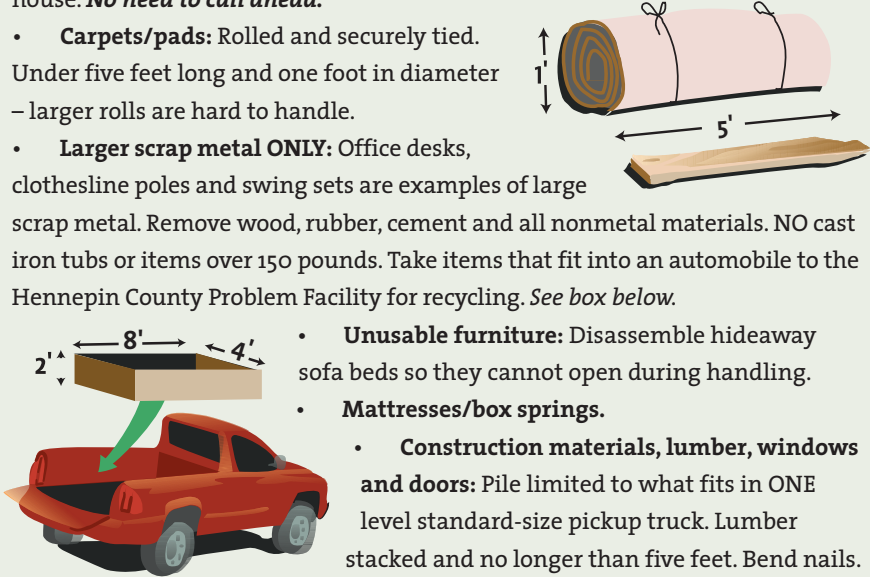
BIKE2BENEFITS

Bike2Benefits is a new program that encourages people to commit to biking or walking to transit or work eight or more times throughout the year. Participants will receive a free copy of the Twin Cities Bike Map (a \$10 retail value) and a set of bicycle commuting tips (a \$15 retail value), along with personalized bike-route planning assistance. Participants who complete the program will receive a T-shirt and a certificate of recognition.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

Please be considerate; haulers can not spend more than five minutes at each house in order to complete the routes.

- **General junk:** Boxed, bagged or bundled – under 100 pounds per item.
- **Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc. Limit TWO appliances per house. **No need to call ahead.**
- **Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- **Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Office desks, clothesline poles and swing sets are examples of large scrap metal. Remove wood, rubber, cement and all nonmetal materials. NO cast iron tubs or items over 150 pounds. Take items that fit into an automobile to the Hennepin County Problem Facility for recycling. See box below.



- **Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hideaway sofa beds so they cannot open during handling.
- **Mattresses/box springs.**
- **Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.
- **BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than four inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn.

PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND PROTECT AIR QUALITY

Window air conditioners and dehumidifiers set out at the curb are targets for people who take copper wire from appliances to sell. It is illegal to cut the copper wire in appliances because it releases toxic pollutants, such as Freon, into the air. To help prevent illegal dumping and protect air quality, do not set out smaller appliances that contain Freon until 7 a.m. on the day of your pickup. For more information, call 952-563-8751.

OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB
HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777

TU, TH, F 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
SA 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.
- **Tires and batteries.**
- **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, monitors, stereos and cordless phones.
- **Recyclable materials:** Plastic and glass bottles, cans and all paper.
- **Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners – call ahead, 612-348-5832.
- **Small scrap metal** that fits into a car trunk.
- **Nonrefillable propane or butanic cylinders.**



BURNSVILLE LANDFILL
952-890-3248

- Concrete, bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks, toilets.
- Shingles.

NSP COMPOSTING
Burnsville, 952-736-1915

- Leaves, grass clippings, sod.
- Stumps, logs.